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1. In mid-May 1955, the Main Administration for Industrial Requirements began hiring a number of skilled and unskilled workers for its Pirna-Sonnenstein compound. Among the skilled workers are lathe operators, locksmiths, welders, and light construction specialists.
2. The skilled workers hired by the Main Administration obtained higher wages than those regularly paid for industrial work. Unskilled workers obtained a minimum monthly salary of 270 DME plus a 50 DME bonus. The bonus is paid specifically as a reward for the secrecy obligation to be taken by the workers (Schweigegehalt). When hired, the workers were informed about the significance of the bonus.
3. All workers were checked for loyalty prior to hiring. The loyalty check includes investigation of party affiliations, attitude of the prospects with regard to the June 1953 events, and general attitude toward the East German regime.

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